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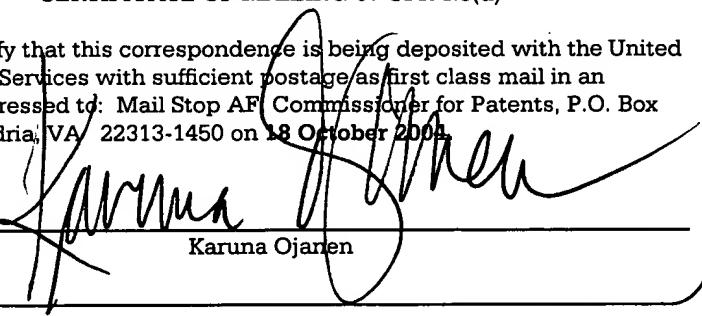
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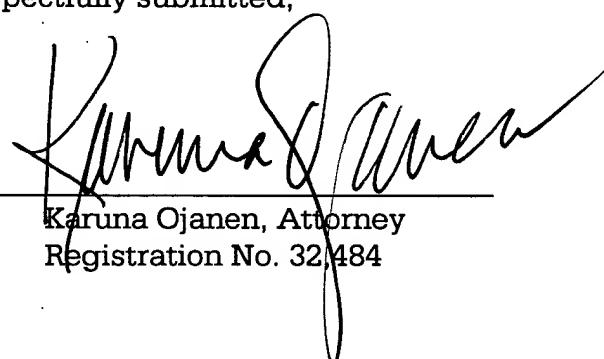
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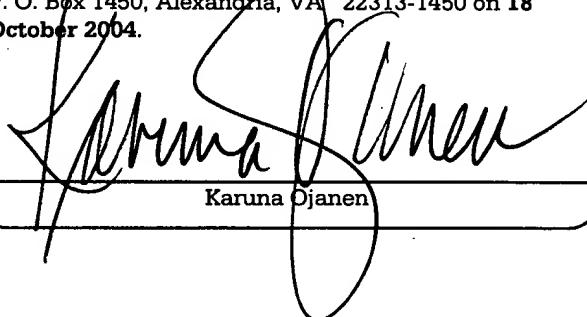
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed 20 September 2004 with a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on the mailing date of the Advisory Action, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments to place the claims in condition for allowance and/or better condition for appeal. Applicants herewith submit a Request for Extension of Time for one month because the first reply was filed within two months of the final rejection of the claims.